PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION

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An affiliate of RAG

May 5, 2000

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig Utah Coal Program Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

RE: Letter of Authorization from UDWR Concerning Raptor Surveys,
Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006

Dear Ms. Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting seven copies of a letter from UDWR which authorizes the discontinuance of raptor monitoring at the Star Point Mine.

Upon approval this letter can be incorporated directly into Exhibit 342.100a of the approved permit.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Johnny Pappas.

Sincerely yours,

Vicky S. Miller

Environmental Specialist

by S. Miller

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT CHANGE

Title of Change: Letter of Authorization from UDWR concerning Raptor Surveys

Permit Number: ACT/007/006

Mine: Star Point

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp.

Description, include reason for change and timing required to implement:

□ Yes	X No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? acres Disturbed Area? acres □ increase □ decrease.			
□ Yes	X No	2. Is the application changed as a result of Division Order? D.O. #			
□ Yes	X No	3. Does application include operations outside the Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?			
□ Yes	X No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than currently approved?			
□ Yes	X No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?			
□ Yes	X No	6. Does application require or include public notice publication?			
□ Yes	X No	7. Does application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?			
□ Yes	X No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?			
□ Yes	X No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #			
□ Yes	X No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:			
□ Yes	X No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?			
□ Yes	X No	12. Does application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)			
□ Yes	X No	13. Does application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?			
□ Yes	X No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?			
□ Yes	X No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?			
□ Yes	X No	16. Does application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?			
□ Yes	X No	17. Does application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?			
□ Yes	X No	18. Does application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?			
□ Yes	X No	19. Does application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?			
□ Yes	X No	20. Does application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?			
□ Yes	X No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?			
□ Yes	X No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?			
□ Yes	X No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?			
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X Attach 7 copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

Signed Name - Position - Date

My Commission Expires:
Attest: STATE OF

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ASSIGNED TRACKING NUMBER

Application for Permit Change Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

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Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
X add	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Exhibit 342.100a, add to the back of the existing data
□ ADD	□ REPLACE	. □ REMOVE	
□ ADD	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

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